

EQUALIZING CONNECTOR FOR MULTI-CORD ARCHITECTURAL COVERING**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A connector is provided for releasably connecting a manipulating cord to the lift cords of an architectural covering. In an embodiment of the invention, the connector includes a resiliently compressible inner assembly and an outer shell. The inner assembly is connected to the manipulating cord of the architectural covering. The outer shell includes at least two shell sections that are releasably mounted on the inner assembly. Each shell section is secured to an individual lift cord. Outward movement of the lift cords and/or compression of the inner assembly releases the outer shell from the inner assembly.